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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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***DETAILED ACTION***

1. This action is responsive to communication: amendment filed 14 November 2005, with original application filed 11 December 2000.
2. Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 14, 20, 25, 27, and 29 are independent claims.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot due to new grounds of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1-30** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li U.S. Patent No. 6,606,706 (hereinafter '706) in further view of OSPF version 2, RFC 2328, published 1998 (hereinafter OSPF).

**As to independent claim 1, "A method of transmitting routing information comprising: sending a first message"** is taught in '706 col. 3, lines 64-67;

**"and a digest of routing information"** is shown in '706 col. 10, lines 6-13;

**“that has been calculated using a first authentication key”** is disclosed in ‘706 col. 11, lines 27-33;

**“and subsequently sending a second message”** and **“that is earlier in a sequence than the first sequence identifier and a digest of the routing information that has been calculated using a second authentication key”** is taught in ‘706 col. 11, lines 52-67;

**“wherein the second sequence identifier is sequentially related to the first sequence identifier”** is disclosed in ‘706 col. 12, lines 8-16 (Note the second message is interpreted to be have the same meaning as ‘multicast announcement’).

67 The following is not taught in ‘706 **“containing a first sequence identifier”** and **“containing a second sequence identifier”** however OSPF teaches in 12.1.6. “LS sequence number  
The sequence number field is a signed 32-bit integer. It is used to detect old and duplicate LSAs” on page 120 (Note The receiver then need only check this sequence number to determine whether or not the received packet is a retransmission. The sequence number is used in Li when the security broker keeps transmitting the request until it receives replies from all security domain border routers col. 12, lines 8-16.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of ‘706 a security system with border routers to utilize sequence numbers when transmitting messages. One in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification when using routing protocols such as OSPF (see ‘706 col. 3, lines 64-67) “In one embodiment of the present invention, security

domains are defined in accordance with routing domains defined by any one of a number of well known routing protocols such as OSPF”.

**As to dependent claim 2, “wherein each authentication key has a specified lifetime and the lifetime of the second key expires prior to the lifetime of the first key” is disclosed in ‘706 col. 11, lines 49-64.**

**As to dependent claim 3, “wherein the first key is valid only following an authentication key rollover and the second key was valid at a time prior to the authentication key rollover” is taught in ‘706 col. 11 lines 49-64.**

**As to dependent claim 4, “determining whether neighboring routers have successfully performed the authentication key rollover and sending both the first and second messages only if it is determined that at least one neighboring router has not yet successfully performed the authentication key rollover” is shown in ‘706 col. 12, lines 7-16.**

**As to dependent claim 5, “including sending only the first message if the first message forms part of a routing information advertisement that is the first such advertisement transmitted by the router after the authentication key rollover” is disclosed in ‘706 col. 12, lines 7-16.**

**As to dependent claim 6, “including sending only the first message if it is determined that all neighboring routers have successfully performed the authentication key rollover” is taught in ‘706 col. 12, lines 26-28.**

**As to dependent claim 7, “including: receiving the first and second messages in a particular neighboring router; and processing, in the particular**

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**neighboring router, only the digest contained in the first message”** is shown in ‘706 col. 10, lines 53 through col. 11, line 27.

**As to dependent claim 8, “wherein the first sequence identifier comprises a number greater than the second sequence number”** is disclosed in ‘706 col. 13, lines 25-57.

**As to independent claim 9**, this claim is directed to a router of the method of claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale.

**As to dependent claims 10, 11, 12, and 13**, these claims are substantially similar to dependent claims 6, 3, 5, 8; therefore they are rejected along the same rationale.

**As to independent claim 14, “A computer system comprising: a plurality of computer networks; a first router interconnecting at least some of the computer networks; and neighboring routers coupled to the first router wherein the first router is configured for periodically sending respective first and second messages to one or more of the neighboring routers”** is taught in ‘706 col. 3, lines 64-67 (Note the OSPF protocol designates that LSA messages are sent periodically to update routing information);

**“and for sending the first message prior to the second message” and “a digest of routing information that has been calculated using a first authentication key”** is disclosed in ‘706 col. 11, lines 27-33;

**“wherein the first message contains a first sequence identifier” and “and wherein the second message contains a second sequence identifier”** is shown in OSPF page 120;

**“that is earlier in a sequence than the first sequence identifier and a digest of the routing information that has been calculated using a second authentication key”** is taught in ‘706 col. 11, lines 52-67.

**As to dependent claims 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19;** these claims are substantially similar to dependent claims 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8; therefore they are rejected along the same rationale.

**As to independent claim 20,** this claim is directed to a computer-readable medium of the method of claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale.

**As to dependent claims 21-24;** these claims are substantially similar to dependent claims 2-8; therefore they are rejected along the same rationale.

**As to independent claim 25, “A method for use in connection with a router comprising: receiving in the router a first message”** is taught in ‘706 col. 3, lines 64-67;

**“and a digest of routing information”** is shown in ‘706 col. 10, lines 6-13;

**“that has been calculated using a first authentication key”** is disclosed in ‘706 col. 11, lines 27-33;

**“containing a first sequence identifier” and “subsequently receiving in the router a second message containing a second sequence identifier”** is taught in OSPF on page 120;

**“that is earlier in a sequence than the first sequence identifier and a digest of the routing information that has been calculated using a second authentication key” is taught in ‘706 col. 11, lines 52-67;**

**“and processing the first message using the first authentication key and discarding the second message without processing routing information contained therein if the router has successfully performed an authentication key rollover from the second key to the first key” is shown in ‘706 col. 11, lines 21-25 and ‘706 col. 12, lines 7-16;**

**“wherein the second sequence identifier is sequentially related to the first sequence identifier” is disclosed in ‘706 col. 12, lines 8-16.**

**As to dependent claim 26, “including processing the second message using the second key only if the router has not successfully performed the authentication key rollover” is disclosed in “706 col. 12, lines 8-16.**

**As to independent claim 27, this claim is directed to a router of the method of claim 25 and is rejected along the same rationale.**

**As to dependent claims 28, this claim is substantially similar to dependent claim 26 and is rejected along the same rationale.**

**As to independent claim 29, this claim is directed to a computer-readable medium of the method of claim 25 and is rejected along the same rationale.**

**As to dependent claims 30, this claim is substantially similar to dependent claim 26 and is rejected along the same rationale.**



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**Conclusion**

6. The following prior art has been considered but not utilized in this Office Action

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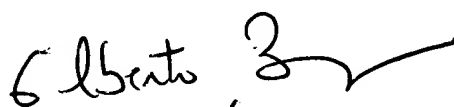
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